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Amendments to the Drawings:

Figure 2 is amended to correct a typographical error in the decision box below step 220. The word "sampes" is corrected to read "samples".

Figure 4 is amended to correct a typographical error in step 424. The word "Othononal" is corrected to read "Orthogonal".

Figure 4 is also amended to correct a typographical error in step 436. The word "Total" is replaced by the word "Relative". This replacement is supported by paragraphs [0035] and [0083].

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The Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his careful examination and allowance of the subject matter of claims 6-8, 12-14, 16, 17, 19-27 and 29-30.

The number of claims that remain in this application is 16. The claims have been amended solely to accelerate prosecution and to obtain allowance of claims 6-8, 12-14, 19-27 and 30. The present amendment is not an admission that the rejected claims are not allowable.

Claims 6-8, 12-14, 19-27 and 30 presented herein are allowable over the prior art and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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